

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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CRIME: 664-187 PC, Attempt murder
245(c) PC, Assault on police officer
2800.2(a) CVC, Felony evading
10851 VC, Auto theft

VICTIM: Officer Samson Pak
Kelsey R. Hauser [REDACTED]

ARRESTEE: Geoffrey H. Sims [REDACTED]

DATE/TIME: 01/16/16 at 0131 hours

LOCATION: 320 S. Pierce Street, El Cajon

REFERENCE: Statement of Case

BACKGROUNDS:

SIMS and HAUSER are residents of Colorado and are known drug users. SIMS and HAUSER were in a dating relationship and had fled Colorado to avoid facing criminal charges, in which both had felony warrants.

SIMS and HAUSER were driving a 2014 Toyota Yaris with California plate [REDACTED]. The vehicle was rented by SIMS in August, 2015 and later reported stolen by the rental agency when SIMS failed to return it.

SIMS and HAUSER arrived in the San Diego area several months ago and met [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a resident of the El Cajon area and is also a drug user. [REDACTED] had been staying with SIMS and HAUSER in their vehicle.

On the night of the incident, HAUSER contacted a drug connect, identified as Brian BLAFIELD. BLAFIELD is also a resident of the El Cajon area. SIMS, HAUSER and [REDACTED] met with BLAFIELD somewhere in El Cajon. HAUSER provided BLAFIELD with money to purchase heroin from a local motel.

The four shared the heroin and decided to purchase more. SIMS then drove the four to another motel where they were spotted by police. The following will document an Officer Involved Shooting involving Officer Pak with the El Cajon Police Department:

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FACTS:

On 01/16/16 at about 0126 hours, Officers Pacheco and Osuna were patrolling the area of 1300 E. Main St. They were in a marked ECPD vehicle #40075 and in full uniform. Officer Pacheco drove into the parking lot of the Best Western Hotel, 1355 E. Main and began to read off plates for Officer Osuna to run on the MDT.

As Officer Pacheco drove through the motel parking lot, a red 4-door Toyota Yaris with CA. plate [REDACTED] was being driven out of the parking lot. The driver was later identified as Geoffrey SIMS. Officer Osuna ran the plate which came back stolen out of Colorado. At the time it appeared there were only two occupants in the Toyota.

Officer Pacheco turned around and began to follow the Toyota, eastbound on Main Street while Officer Osuna broadcast the direction of travel to responding officers. SIMS drove through residential streets before returning to Main St. SIMS then proceeded northbound on 2nd St. and briefly pulled into the McDonald's parking lot, 281 N. 2nd St. and stopped.

While stopped, at least one male passenger briefly exited the vehicle as if to run but re-entered the vehicle. SIMS then continued onto northbound 2nd St. directly behind Officer Pak. Officer Pak slowed, allowing SIMS to pull in front of him. Officer Pak then activated his overhead lights and siren and attempted to stop the Toyota driven by SIMS. Officer Pak's Mobile Video Recorder was activated as well and recorded the pursuit and a portion of the incident.

SIMS accelerated and began fleeing from pursuing officers. SIMS ran red lights at the intersections of 2nd and Madison, 2nd and Oakdale, 2nd and I-8 (south of overpass) and 2nd and I-8 (north of overpass) before getting onto westbound Interstate 8.

While traveling west on Interstate 8, the pursuit reached speeds of up to 100 MPH. Sgt. Forster requested the pursuit be taken over by CHP. CHP officers were never actually involved in the pursuit and arrived on scene at the conclusion of the pursuit.

SIMS exited the West Main St. off-ramp where he turned right on West Main St, after running the red light. SIMS then made an immediate left onto S. Pierce, running a second red light. SIMS proceeded southbound on S. Pierce to the dead end cul-de-sac. SIMS made a counter clockwise turn in the cul-de-sac and pulled directly in front of Officer Pak.

Officer Pak attempted to stop SIMS and drove into the passenger side of the Toyota. In MVR footage from Officer Pak's vehicle, SIMS can be seen putting the vehicle in reverse. The left rear passenger, [REDACTED] can be seen attempting to exit the Toyota. HAUSER is in the right front passenger seat and appears to be unrestrained. There is also a tan colored Pitbull dog in the front of the vehicle.

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Officer Pak exited his patrol vehicle, pointed his service pistol at SIMS and ordered him to stop. SIMS continued in reverse, scraping against the front of Officer Pak's vehicle. Officer Pak was concerned his vehicle would be pushed into him and moved away from it. Officer Pak told investigators SIMS put the Toyota in drive and drove at him. Officer Pak believed SIMS was going to run him over and feared for his life.

Officer Pak fired three rounds into the vehicle in an attempt to stop SIMS. This can be seen and heard on MVR footage from Officer Gimbel's patrol vehicle as he is driving towards the cul-des-sac.

Despite being shot at by Officer Pak, SIMS continued driving forward and rammed the front of a responding ECPD vehicle, driven by Officer Gimbel. A review of MVR footage from Officer Gimbel's vehicle showed that after ramming the police vehicle, SIMS briefly put the Toyota in reverse then back into drive. Officer Pak had made a clockwise circle around the Toyota and repositioned himself. SIMS proceeded forward again towards Officer Pak, who was still in front of the Toyota but closer to the driver's side. Officer Pak again feared for his safety and fired one additional round into the vehicle in an attempt to stop SIMS.

CHP officers arrived on scene and blocked SIMS from continuing any further. SIMS was the first occupant taken into custody and was removed from the driver's side of the Toyota. It was at this time that officers discovered the right front passenger, Kelsey HAUSER, had sustained gunshot wounds to the chin and chest area.

Due to damage sustained on the passenger side of the Toyota, HAUSER was pulled through the open driver's side door where officer's provided first aid. ECFD paramedics arrived on scene and transported HAUSER to Sharp Memorial Hospital for medical attention. Officer Pacheco rode in the back of the ambulance while HAUSER was transported to the hospital.

While at Sharp Memorial Hospital, medical staff attempted to save HAUSER's life under the direction of Doctor Kill. Despite life saving measures, HAUSER was pronounced deceased at 0233 hours.

The left rear passenger of the vehicle had attempted to flee the area but was detained in the cul-de-sac by responding officers. He was identified as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was arrested and transported to ECPD.

The right rear passenger of the vehicle remained inside until he was detained by responding officers. He was identified as Brian BLAFIELD. BLAFIELD was arrested and found to be in possession of methamphetamine and heroin. On the floorboard area where BLAFIELD was seated, was a realistic looking replica firearm. It was determined to be a BB gun designed to look like a revolver with silver frame and black grip.

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As a result of the shooting, a Pitbull dog in the vehicle, was also struck by gunfire and died at the scene.

Detectives were called out and began investigating the shooting. Officer Pak was processed by Laboratory Technician Sarah Peterson. In a statement later provided by Officer Pak, he estimated firing his weapon four times. Officer Pak indicated that when loading his firearm, he inserts 15 bullets in the magazine. Officer Pak will then load the magazine in the well of his pistol then chamber a bullet. Officer Pak will then remove the magazine and insert another bullet, filling the magazine with 15 bullets.

At the time Officer Pak was processed, there were 12 bullets in his gun, which included one chambered round. There were 4 shell casings found at the scene which is consistent with the number of rounds found in Officer Pak's pistol.

Detective Breakall was assigned to interview SIMS, BLAFIELD and [REDACTED] The following are a summary of their statements:

STATEMENT OF GEOFFREY SIMS (ARRESTEE):

SIMS was advised of his Miranda Rights and provided a statement to investigators. SIMS acknowledged that he and his girlfriend, HAUSER, were on the run and had warrants out of Colorado. SIMS indicated he and HAUSER traveled to the San Diego as SIMS was somewhat familiar with the area.

SIMS and HAUSER were in San Diego for several months and were living in the Toyota Yaris, which SIMS had rented. SIMS had an idea the Toyota would have been reported stolen. DURING their time in San Diego, SIMS indicated he and HAUSER would steal merchandise from one store and return it at the same store in another area.

While in San Diego, SIMS and HAUSER met [REDACTED] and became friends. The night before this incident, SIMS, HAUSER and [REDACTED] slept in the vehicle at a rest stop somewhere off Interstate 5.

SIMS said the three wanted to use drugs and met up with BLAFIELD, who HAUSER somehow knew as a drug connect. SIMS indicated he and HAUSER were heroin users. The four of them initially went to the Villa Serena Motel where HAUSER gave BLAFIELD money to purchase heroin. BLAFIELD purchased the heroin which they all shared.

After using all of the heroin, they decided to purchase more and went to the Best Western Hotel where they saw a police vehicle. SIMS left the motel and was followed by the police officer. SIMS made random turns and ultimately stopped at a gas station in case anyone wanted to get out. Once stopped, SIMS described police as pointing guns at him. SIMS

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accelerated and fled from police, acknowledging to seeing police lights but did not hear a siren.

SIMS indicated he accelerated to about 100 MPH while on the freeway and later exited an offramp. SIMS did not know where he was going and made several turns. SIMS told investigators that the next thing he knew, he's "getting people killed and shot at".

SIMS indicated he saw multiple police vehicles coming at him. SIMS said he was trying to maneuver around them and denied driving towards any officer's outside of their vehicles. SIMS said the only time he saw an officer outside of their vehicle was after colliding with the first police vehicle and an officer started shooting. At about 21 minutes into the interview, SIMS stated, "I can't believe I got my dog and girlfriend killed."

STATEMENTS OF [REDACTED] (WITNESS):

[REDACTED] was advised of his Miranda Rights and provided a statement to investigators. [REDACTED] indicated he hadn't known HAUSER and SIMS for very long but knew they both had warrants in another state.

[REDACTED] said the night prior, the three slept in the car at a truck stop. During the day, the three drove around then decided to find drugs. They drove to El Cajon and met with BLAFIELD, whom he had never met before. They then drove to a motel where BLAFIELD purchased heroin with money provided by HAUSER. All four shared the heroin, injecting it with the use of needles.

After sharing the heroin, [REDACTED] indicated that HAUSER wanted more. They then drove to another motel where they saw a police vehicle. [REDACTED] said SIMS was very nervous and drove out of the area. [REDACTED] could not see behind him due to stuff blocking the rear window [REDACTED] did not know if the police had their lights on.

[REDACTED] said he and BLAFIELD wanted to get out of the vehicle but SIMS wouldn't stop the car. [REDACTED] said they pulled into the McDonald's parking lot where he and BLAFIELD tried to get out but SIMS never came to a complete stop.

[REDACTED] said SIMS accelerated up to 100 MPH, possibly faster. [REDACTED] indicated SIMS commented about police trying to pull them over. [REDACTED] couldn't see police lights but could hear the sirens.

[REDACTED] told investigators he wanted SIMS to stop the vehicle and thought they were going to crash. [REDACTED] said he kept telling SIMS to pull over and that he wanted out of the vehicle. [REDACTED] said HAUSER stated, "Go, go, go" and encouraged SIMS to keep running. [REDACTED] indicated HAUSER and SIMS did not want to face the charges they had in Colorado.

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[REDACTED] said SIMS exited the freeway and drove down a dead end road. SIMS turned around and was struck by a police vehicle. [REDACTED] immediately got out of the vehicle, heard gunshots then ran to the curb, where he was taken into custody.

[REDACTED] was out of the vehicle when he heard the gunshots but was facing away from the police cars. [REDACTED] did not see officers out of their vehicles and did not see any muzzle flash.

[REDACTED] was asked how he would have felt had the roles been reversed. [REDACTED] stated, "If I was the other...basically the officer....I would fear for my life." [REDACTED] was asked how he would respond if he was the police officer in that situation. [REDACTED] stated, "Same way, I would try to stop him from injuring anybody else".

[REDACTED] was released from ECPD pursuant to 849(B)(1) PC.

STATEMENTS OF BRIAN BLAFIELD (ARRESTEE):

BLAFIELD was advised of his Miranda Rights and provided a statement to investigators. BLAFIELD was not initial forthcoming about his relationship with the other involved parties or how he came into contact with them during the evening.

BLAFIELD ultimately said he received a text message from a female who he identified as "Lola" (HAUSER). BLAFIELD said he was asked to get them drugs and met at the trolley station. BLAFIELD said "Lola" (HAUSER) was driving. Inside the vehicle was Lola's boyfriend, who he identified as "Kyle" or "Ryan" (SIMS) and a second unknown male.

BLAFIELD told investigators he took the three to a motel to get drugs but would not disclose the exact location. After getting the drugs, BLAFIELD alleged the other three in the vehicle used the drugs. BLAFIELD admitted to using drugs earlier but not at that time. BLAFIELD was expecting a ride to his home in Lakeside however the other occupants in the vehicle wanted more drugs. BLAFIELD said they then went to the Best Western Hotel but saw a police officer drive through the parking lot.

BLAFIELD indicated they left the hotel and began driving around with the police following. The police vehicle did not have its lights or siren on at that time. BLAFIELD said the he tried getting out of the vehicle at one point but the driver sped up. BLAFIELD somehow knew other occupants in the vehicle had warrants from out of state.

BLAFIELD said the driver got on the freeway and accelerated to speeds over 100 MPH. The driver (SIMS) was making statements like, "They're not gonna get us, we're gonna get away, don't worry." BLAFIELD told the driver they weren't going to get away. BLAFIELD saw police lights but did not hear sirens during the pursuit.

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BLAFIELD said the driver exited the freeway and drove down a cul-de-sac, where they were struck on the passenger side by a police vehicle. BLAFIELD said the driver backed up then proceeded forward. BLAFIELD indicated he ducked down in the car in the fetal position and didn't see anything else. BLAFIELD said the car came to a stop then heard gunshots.

BLAFIELD believed the driver hit a police officer. BLAFIELD does not believe the driver was attempting to hit a police officer, but was trying to get away. BLAFIELD admitted he had a silver BB gun in the car that looked real. BLAFIELD took the gun out of his backpack and set it on the floor of the vehicle.

BLAFIELD was asked what he thought when the officer started shooting. BLAFIELD stated, "Honestly, just to protect himself from the dude driving, that guy was a fucking maniac, he couldn't control himself." BLAFIELD was asked what he would have done had he been the officer. BLAFIELD stated, "I would fucking start shooting too, dude." BLAFIELD said the driver never made any statements about intentionally hurting police but felt he may intentionally hit police officers or police vehicles to get away.

At the time of BLAFIELD's arrest at the shooting scene, he was found to be in immediate possession of .10 grams of methamphetamine and .87 grams of heroin. He was booked into San Diego County Jail on drug related charges.

On 01/17/16, Detective Mansour attended the autopsy for HAUSER at the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office. During the examination, it was determined HAUSER sustained one gunshot wound to her chin and one gunshot wound below her right breast. The bullet that struck HAUSER's chin exited her body. The bullet that struck below HAUSER's right breast penetrated her liver and was recovered inside her body.

CONCLUSIONS:

Based on the above investigation, SIMS was arrested and booked into San Diego County Jail for the following charges:

664/187(A) PC, Attempted murder,
245(c) PC, Assault on police officer
10851 VC, Auto theft
2800.2(a) VC, Felony evading

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